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SUBJ: THORN CANDIDACY FOR PRESIDENT OF 30TH GA

REFS: (A) USUN 293 (B) LUXEMBOURG 0096

1. LUXEMBOURG PERMREP RETTEL CALLED AMB SCHAUFEE
FEB 14 TO INFORM US THAT PRIMIN GASTON THORN IS CANDIDATE
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FOR PRESIDENCY OF 30TH UNGA FOLLOWING REQUEST (SIC) OF

SEVERAL EUROPEAN FRIENDS. HE SAID CANDIDACY ENDORSED BY EC-9 AND HE WOULD BE REQUESTING WEO GROUP MEETING ON THIS SUBJECT IN ABOUT 10 DAYS.

2. WHEN SCHAUFEELE QUERIED HIM ABOUT STATUS OTHER CANDIDATES RETTEL SAID: (1) AUSTRALIAN CANDIDACY SEEMS TO HAVE LOST MOMENTUM AND GOA APPARENTLY HAS NOT MADE FINAL DECISION ON WHETHER TO PURSUE IT; (2) TURKISH PERMREP OLCAY HAS RECENTLY REFERRED AGAIN TO HIS CANDIDACY BUT RETTEL THINKS THIS UNREALISTIC SINCE TURKEY IS PRO-TAGONIST IN MAJOR CONFRONTATION IN CYPRUS; (3) SPANISH PERMREP DE PINIES STILL SEEMS TO BE UNOFFICIAL CANDIDATE BUT HIS ONLY CHANCE WOULD BE AS COMPROMISE IF WEOS UNABLE TO AGREE ON SUPPORT FOR ONE OF OFFICIAL CANDIDATES. RETTEL DID NOT MENTION AND SCHAUFEELE DID NOT RAISE THE BORCH (DANISH) CANDIDACY.

3. SCHAUFEELE REMINDED RETTEL THAT US WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT VIEW OF REGIONAL GROUP. ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THORN IS WELL AND FAVORABLY KNOWN TO THE US WHICH HAS ALWAYS VALUED HIS FRIENDSHIP, COOPERATION AND SUPPORT IN OUR MANY COMMON ENDEAVORS OVER THE YEARS DURING WHICH HE HAS PLAYED SUCH A LEADING ROLE IN LUXEMBOURG'S FOREIGN RELATIONS.
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